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January 31, 2007

Janis Sigman, Manager
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Department of Health
P.O. Box 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Dear Ms. Sigman:

Please accept this letter as a letter of intent for Franciscan Health Systems dba St. Clare Hospital (SCH) is proposing to establish a new dialysis facility on the campus of St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood (Per WAC 246-310-280, the service area is Pierce Five). This facility will have up to 10 stations. In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

SCH is proposing to establish a new dialysis facility to be located on the St. Clare Hospital campus in Lakewood, Pierce County. This facility will provide in-center dialysis to end-stage renal patients residing in the area and will focus on patients either preferring or desiring dialysis contiguous to acute care.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

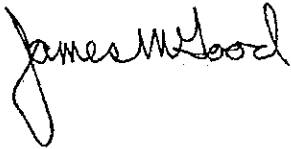
The capital expenditures are not expected to exceed \$1.0 million.

3. Description of the Service Area:

Per WAC 246-310-280, the service area is Pierce Five.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Good". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James Good
Vice President
Specialty Services